

191—70.2(505,514F) Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Commissioner” means the commissioner of insurance.

“Enrollee” means an individual who has contracted for or who participates in health benefits coverage provided through any third-party payor.

“Third-party payor” means any of the following entities:

1. An insurer subject to Iowa Code chapter 509 or 514A.
2. A health service corporation subject to Iowa Code chapter 514.
3. A health maintenance organization subject to Iowa Code chapter 514B.
4. A preferred provider arrangement subject to 191—Chapter 27, Iowa Administrative Code.
5. A multiple employer welfare arrangement.
6. A third-party administrator.
7. A fraternal benefit society.
8. Any other benefit program providing payment, reimbursement, or indemnification for health care costs for an enrollee or an enrollee’s eligible dependents.

“Utilization review” means a program or process by which an evaluation is made of the necessity, appropriateness and efficiency of the use of health care services, procedures, or facilities given or proposed to be given to an individual within this state. These standards do not apply to requests by any person or provider for a clarification, guarantee or statement of an individual’s health insurance coverage or benefits provided under a health insurance policy, nor to claims adjudication. Unless it is specifically so stated, verification of benefits, preauthorization, and prospective or concurrent utilization review programs shall not be construed in any context as a guarantee or statement of insurance coverage or benefits for any individual under a health insurance policy.